in co-ordination with respective State Governments to make these States comparatively significantly competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the study, poor infrastructure, excessive management time being spent with Government officials on regulatory issues, inadequate port facilities, relatively high delays in custom houses, excessively high power cost, etc., have been identified as the main reasons for poor investment climate.

Industrial development including attracting investment, as well as creating good investment climate in various States is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. Central Government supplements their efforts by providing incentives under various schemes operated by it.

Quality of exported items

3118. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of consignments of wheat, basmati rice, tea, milk products, fish and coffee for exports to other countries contain fertilizers and hazardous pesticides; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to regulate and monitor the use of fertilizers and hazardous pesticides, already banned in some foreign countries, at the field level to boost the export of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) As per information available with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Tea Board, Coffee Board and Export Inspection Council, no complaints have been received in respect of consignments of wheat, basmati rice, tea, milk products, fish and coffee for exports to other countries in this regard.